

Mr. Dulles was mentioned by Dr. T. K. Glennan as one of the people who, with Mr. George Allen of U.S.I.A. for NASA's general conclusion that the Soviet Union has been making "effective propaganda" out of their space successes. The pertinent testimony, dated March 14, 1960, was as follows (pp. 174-175):

Mr. THOMAS (Albert Thomas of Texas, chairman of the Subcommittee): Let me interrupt. When Russia makes a little move superior to ours, why do we take it hook, line and sinker? I doubt if half of those underdeveloped countries have heard of space. You can take this country and a good many people do not know who their Congressmen are.

"I recall that several years ago we were considerably ahead of Russia in atomic energy. We did not moan and groan about that. I do not think anyone in the world paid any particular attention to it. Certainly, we did not get out and beat the drums and say that we have this, that, and the other. Why do we suddenly reverse the situation and view Russia as sort of a prod pole for everything?"

Dr. GLENNAN. I think, Mr. Chairman, I would rely somewhat on opinions of Mr. George Allen and Mr. Dulles as to the effects which have been encountered in countries other than our own, in countries other than those already committed to the Iron Curtain.

"It seems clear that the Soviet Union has made effective propaganda of the successes they have had. And we have to admit they have had successes. They have used these successes in space research to convince the less well developed nations that the Soviet Union is, aggressively, the best nation in all fields of science and technology. I think this -- to use a Washington word -- 'image' has really been created."

Mr. THOMAS. I think the more outstanding 'image', as far as Russia is concerned, is in the field of military strength. ... I think the uncommitted people can understand the use of military force much more than they can exploration around the moon. I just raise that point -- why the shifting position?"

"Dr. GLENNAN. ... I think the concern here is not so much a shift in our position but a reaction to the activities of the Soviet Union in this field, Mr. Thomas. ... Our reactions to their successes in space have been at times, I think, a little hysterical. To me this is only one of the areas in which we are in competition with the Communist countries. But it happens to be a very glamorous area; it happens to be a very visible area. ..."